(c) whether it is also a fact that the Himalayan Bank propose to set its branches equipped with computerised telebanking facilities in Terai region of Nepal which is contiguous with Indian border;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this Bank is having dealing with some prominent hotels and travel, agencies which are known for their dubious acitivities and its branches on the Terai region would be used for financing clandestine activities on the Indian soil; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India in this regard and steps taken in the matter to frustrate the move of Pak Government.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (c) Yes. Sir. Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b), (d) and (e) Government are confident that the Government of Nepal will not permit illegal activities by foreign joint ventures on its soil attacking a friendly third country like India. When such activities take place Government of India cooperate with the Government of Nepal to curb them.

Arrest of JKLF Chief

6626. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware that recently BBC while reporting about the arrest of JKLF Chief Javed Mir in its news bulletin described Kashmir as "India occupied Kashmir";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof. and

(c) what remedial action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) The news report in the English daily The Asian Age of 15.4.1994, which claimed that the BBC used the phrase "India occupied Kashmir" while reporting about the arrest of JKLF Chief Javed Mir in its news bulletin has come to the notice of the Government. However, the transcript provided by the Central Monitoring Service of All India Radio docs not carry any reference to this phrase. The BBC too has also denied using this phrase in the said news bulletin.

(c) A protest was not felt necessary in this case since the BBC denied use of this phrase and our monitoring service also confirmed this.

जिनेवा सम्मेलन में भारत का समर्थन

6627. **श्री गोविन्दराव आदिक:** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री 27 अप्रैल, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 4629 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में हुए जिनेवा सम्मेलन में चीन तथा कुछ अन्य देशों ने भारत का समर्थन किया था; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले 6 वर्षों के दौरान चीन और भारत के संबंध धीरे-धीरे सुधर रहे हैं?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया): (क) और (ख) जी हां, संयुक्त राष्ट्र मानवाधिकार आयोग के अधिकांश सदस्यों ने जिनमें चीन भी शामिल है, जम्मू और कश्मीर में मानवाधिकारों के तथाकथित उल्लंघन से संबंधित पाकिस्तान के प्रस्ताव का समर्थन नहीं किया। इसके परिणामस्वरूप पाकिस्तान ने यह प्रस्ताव स्वेच्छा से और बिना किसी शर्त के वापस ले लिया। पिछले छह वर्षों से भारत-चीन संबंधों में निरन्तर सुधार हो रहा है।